

June 6, 2001

Tommy Thompson  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Thompson:

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Mississippi, I would like to invite you to provide the keynote address for a public forum, "Defining the Needs of Mississippi's Senior Adults," to be held on October 22-23, 2001 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We anticipate that the keynote will occur at noon on October 22, 2001. This forum is the conclusion of the series on health issues that I have sponsored this year.

We would like for you to share your vision concerning health needs and challenges, especially those pertaining to our elderly in Mississippi, and provide us with suggestions on how we can work together in this regard. The audience will consist of health professionals, business leaders, policy makers, and members of the general public. We anticipate that there will be approximately one hundred-fifty (150) people in attendance. Additionally, we plan to have a round-table discussion with Governors from the Southern Governors Association immediately before your keynote address.

Our state has come a long way in many areas in the past few years, but there is still a lot of work to do, especially in the area of eliminating health disparities. Your guidance and leadership will be invaluable in assisting us to reach this goal.

I look forward to hearing that you can join us for this important event.

Very truly yours,

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